

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated July 19, 2002 (Paper No. 8) in the above-identified application, as follows.


REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions among Groups I - XXV for the reasons noted.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely Claims 1-18, 24 and 51-53.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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